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MEMORANDUM FOR:   
Acting D/DCI/IC

SUBJECT : A Small Plea

1. The precise boundary between your office's responsibilities and mine is not definitively charted and is probably inherently unchartable. Our primary concern is substance; yours, resources -- but precise distinctions on whether given issues relate to substance or resources are hard to make and probably not worth the attempt. By and large, this fact of inevitable overlap has produced minimal friction, something for which I am grateful and which I certainly appreciate.

2. Though the above is not a build-up to a "but" clause, there have been one or two recent instances of actions on which somewhat better coordination would have been helpful. Two such documents happened to land on my desk this afternoon and their simultaneous arrival in my in box prompted this note. The first is the DCI's 1 August letter to Dr. Kissinger transmitting the Indian Nuclear Test Post-Mortem; the other, Danny's 1 August reply to Admiral Rectanus' bleat about the Indian Ocean. In both cases what was said was fine but both did involve substantive questions in which my colleagues have a continuing concern.

3. I stress (again) that I am not complaining about "coordination problems" between our respective offices since, happily, there are none of any great consequence so far as I am aware. I would appreciate it, however, if we could both make the continuing effort to touch base with each other when forwarding comments touching areas of mutual interest, particularly when we are offering things for the DCI to sign. I am sure my colleagues and I have also dropped an occasional stitch in this blanket. I will try to minimize the number of stitches so dropped from our end and would very much appreciate your doing the same from yours.

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